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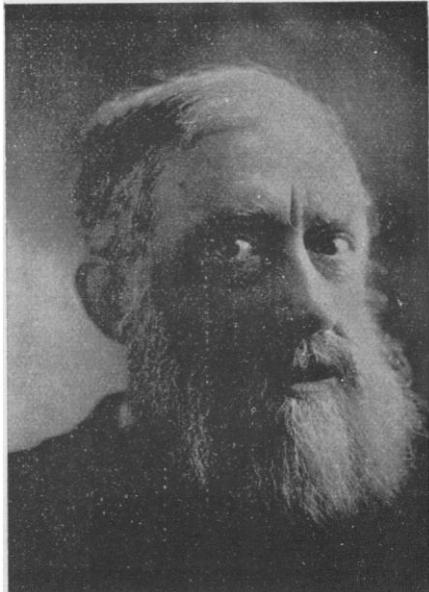
EDITORIAL NOTES.

Last Through the courtesy of *The Land of Sunshine* of Los Angeles, Cal., we present to the readers of *The CONDOR* probably the last likeness which was taken of Dr. Coues preceding his death. In the February number of *The Land of Sunshine*, Mr. Chas. F. Lummis, the editor, devotes several pages to a character sketch and his impressions of Dr. Coues, of whom he was an intimate friend. Mr. Lummis was a member of Dr. Coues' party in New Mexico in 1899, when the doctor was engaged in what was destined to be his last scientific work.

Mr. Lummis' lofty estimate of Dr. Coues' character and ability as an ornithologist is shared by all who counted the doctor as their friend. Referring to Dr. Coues' illness, he says: "In all the wavering shadows of the leaves upon us, there was no shadow of what was to come. Yet it was already written. As the rest of us look back to that flawless day in Juan Rey's patio I fancy we shall not escape some twinge that we could not better read the lines under those clear, genial eyes. Already Dr. Coues was a doomed man. Already he suspected—and allowed no one else to. The weariness and bruises of a long, hard trip in springless wagons would soon wear off, and our Nestor be himself again. Even his last letters months after, did not convey a sense of apprehension. But now we know he knew."

As the years wear on, ornithologists generally will realize more and more the loss which their

science has suffered in the death of Dr. Coues. In many respects his position as a writer was unique, and in most discussions his position was an aggressive one. Being an ornithologist through and through and having pursued the study for the purpose of advancing it as lay within his power, he had no patience with the



side-issues of doubtful value or sincerity, and never ceased to upbraid those who forsook the study proper to engage in fads. While Dr. Coues' frankness at times made for him enemies, there are few but whom admire Dr. Coues as a man who had the courage of his convictions.

ERRATUM.—In Mr. Swarth's list of birds appearing in the March-April CONDOR for '73, *Phalacrotophylus nuttali nitidus* read *P. nuttali californicus*; 121, instead of *Junco thurberi* read *Junco hyemalis thurberi*; 168, instead of *Regulus satrapa olivaceus* read Ruby-crowned Kinglet, *Regulus calendula*.

To those ornithologists who receive this issue of THE CONDOR as a sample copy, we invite a careful inspection of its contents. The issue contains notable articles on the nesting of the Clarke's Nutcracker and the Pine Siskin, besides other papers of value, all of which are but examples of the valuable papers to be found in each issue. With 90 active club members in the field, there are few rare or interesting discoveries which are not promptly recorded. Should THE CONDOR not, therefore, be included in your list of bird periodicals?